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We have a very interesting program planned for the NOVEMBER 9th meeting. MAYNARD MUNGER, local real estate broker and long time member of the Sierra Club, will speak on "FACING LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS". The meeting will start at 8:00 pm in the Lafayette School Auditorium.

All Those fortunate enough to have made the September 18 tour of Eastern Contra Costa County led by FATHER WILLIAM ABELOE know it to be a unique experience not soon to be duplicated. The tour inside the JOHN MARSH home as well as the legendary four-story brick hotel at BYRON HOT SPRINGS was the first part of the tour. There was a luncheon stop in the tree-lined park in Brentwood and then on to the slopes of Mt. Diablo to view the once thriving coal mining area of SOMERSVILLE and NORTONVILLE.

The tour continued on to Concord and Pacheco affording the opportunity to see two of the few remaining adobes in this county. In Concord the tour met MISS RUTH GALINDO, great-granddaughter of the early pioneer GALINDO family at her spacious two story frame house, then back to Lafayette through the Alhambra Valley, past the spot where JOHN MARSH was murdered and also past the JOHN MUIR home. All this was with the very interesting comments and facts given by FATHER ABELOE.

Refreshments and a tour of the charming WAYNE MERRYMAN residence in Lafayette completed the tour on a very pleasant note.

SPECIAL THANKS

To MRS. ROY WILLIAMS for her donation of the cold refreshments served on the Historical Tour.

To The LESTER LLOYDS for the handsome booklet entitled, "The Lafayette Plaques", given to the people on the Historical Tour.

To JIM and MARK LATTANNER for mounting pictures on the dry mount press and for photography for the picture file.

To the committee, MR. and MRS. PAUL BROADHEAD and MRS. FERN POWELL DAVIS, who worked on the restoration and display case.

To MRS. BERTHA HELLUM, County Librarian, for her interest and assistance in the placement of the ELAM BROWN LANTERN in the Lafayette Library, and LEE DEVOL who designed and made the base for the lantern along with the pedestal for PETER THOMSON'S anvil, which is also in the library.

To FRED DAVIDSON for the donation of a Horseman's Association picture.

To MILDRED LLOYD for pictures of the town of Lafayette in the 1940's.

To MRS. W. ALLEN RUDDEROW for the loan of a victorian mantel to be used in the Christmas display. (Take special note - It's for sale!)

A Christmas display sponsored by the Lafayette Historical Society and arranged by Mrs. CAROL REOP and MRS. RAE SECEDA, of the CALIFORNIA DOLL and TOY MUSEUM COUNCIL will be on display from November 15, to January 05, in the Landmarks Rooms of the Lafayette Federal Savings and Loan. This group of doll and toy collectors has banded together with the hope of organizing a public DOLL and TOY MUSEUM in central California. For further information, MRS. JOSEPH T. GREGORY, a founding member and also a member of our Society, or MRS. HERBERT NEWEY, of Lafayette, mayne contacted.

MR. SUMNER HUDGES of our Society is serving on the Grand Tree Committee with DR. BELL and BOB AUGENTHALER of the Design Project. The announcement of the selection of the grand tree will be made on Friday, November 5.

SPECIAL ATTENTION

There is a great need for an Oral History Committee. Anyone interested in interviewing and tape recording the reminiscences of "Early Timers" of this area, please call DR. JOHN HANSEN - 283 3305 during the day, or MRS. FERN POWELL DAVIS - 939 4635 in the evening.

WELCOME

To a new friend at the Lafayette Library, MRS. MARY ROBERTS, the new branch librarian. Being a Branch Librarian is not new to MRS. ROBERTS, she held that position at Pittsburg and Martinez before coming to Lafayette where we hope she will enjoy her new assignment.

RETIREMENT

Speaking of librarians, MRS. BERTHA HELLUM, Contra Costa County librarian announced her retirement, effective March 1, of next year. We are sorry to see MRS. HELLUM relinquish direction of our library system as she has been with the Contra Costa County Library System since 1954 and has a very long list of accomplishments which we, in the county, have enjoyed through our very fine Lafayette library.